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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 73-100.

Please add the following new claims 101-115:

101.

A vector for transforming a plant comprising:
a DNA sequence encoding a recombinant viral antigen protein, said protein being antigenic to an animal; and
a plant functional promoter operably linked to said DNA sequence which directs expression of said protein in said plant.

102.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said vector is a plasmid vector.

103.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said vector is a viral vector.

104.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said antigen protein is from TGEV.

105.

A plasmid vector for transforming a plant comprising:
A DNA sequence encoding a recombinant viral antigen protein, said protein being antigenic to a human or an animal; and
a plant-functional promoter operably linked to said DNA sequence which directs the expression of said protein in said plant.

106.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said expression is preferentially directed to the seed of said plant.

107.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said vector is capable of achieving expression levels of 0.1% total soluble protein.

108.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said vector is capable of achieving expression levels of 0.05% total soluble protein.

109.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said vector is capable of achieving expression levels of 0.03% total soluble protein.

110.

The plasmid vector of claim 101 wherein said protein is chimeric by being fused to another peptide, polypeptide or protein such that expression of the protein is enhanced over levels of expression in absence of said fusion.

111.

The plasmid vector of claim 101 further comprising a translational enhancing sequence.

112.

The plasmid vector of claim 101 wherein the DNA encoding the viral antigen protein is truncated from the native wild type DNA sequence encoding said protein.

113.

The plasmid vector of claim 101 wherein the promoter preferentially expresses the viral antigen protein in an edible portion of the plant.

114.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said viral antigen protein is from TGEV.

115.

The vector of claim 101 wherein said vector directs expression to the seed of said plant.